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Lesson 15 Vocabulary Words

Directions: Write a sentence for each word.

1. aberrant
2. anomaly
3. eccentricity
4. endemic
5. incongruous
6. mundane
7. outlandish
8. paragon
9. ubiquitous
10. unwonted

WRITE THE CORRECT WORD

Write the correct word in the space next to each definition.

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| _____ 1. strikingly bizarre | _____ 6. commonplace |
| _____ 2. uncustomary | _____ 7. incompatible or inconsistent |
| _____ 3. the quality of being unconventional | _____ 8. deviating from the expected course |
| _____ 4. a departure from the norm | _____ 9. common in a certain location |
| _____ 5. a model of excellence | _____ 10. seeming to be everywhere |

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

Write the letter for the word that best completes each sentence.

- _____ 1. The _____ fog of San Francisco seemed to follow us around the city.
a. ubiquitous b. mundane c. outlandish d. incongruous
- _____ 2. Her very conventional neighbors felt that Mrs. Laurent's _____ had gotten out of control when she painted murals on each side of her house.
a. paragon b. ubiquity c. eccentricity d. endemic
- _____ 3. Tired of _____ food, Jared decided to go to the most exotic restaurant in town.
a. aberrant b. eccentric c. anomalous d. mundane
- _____ 4. The _____ green tuxedo was one oddity at the bizarre wedding.
a. mundane b. endemic c. outlandish d. ubiquitous
- _____ 5. This type of berry is _____ to the northern coast of California.
a. aberrant b. endemic c. anomalous d. unwonted
- _____ 6. The politician's negative ad is _____ with her promise to run a positive campaign.
a. incongruous b. eccentric c. paragon d. mundane
- _____ 7. Getting struck by lightning on two occasions would be a statistical _____.
a. anomaly b. paragon c. ubiquity d. endemic
- _____ 8. "I will not tolerate _____ behavior," snapped the man known as "Sarge."
a. ubiquitous b. mundane c. endemic d. aberrant
- _____ 9. A(n) _____ of wisdom, she was constantly sought out for advice.
a. ubiquity b. paragon c. eccentricity d. anomaly
- _____ 10. The usually stern father gave his son a(n) _____ hug.
a. mundane b. outlandish c. unwonted d. endemic

Challenge: My aunt's blunt remarks were a shocking _____, considering she is normally a(n) _____ of politeness and diplomacy.
a. endemic...aberrant b. aberration...paragon c. ubiquity...anomaly

- _____ 3. Some found it an _____ that the hard-punching boxer was so mild-mannered and kind while out of the ring. (*incongruous*)
- _____ 4. Washing the dishes is a _____ but important task that must be done regularly. (*mundane*)
- _____ 5. The _____ man slept in his backyard each night while his pets slept indoors. (*eccentricity*)
- _____ 6. The _____ of Sam's comedy act shocked some members of the audience. (*outlandish*)
- _____ 7. When my hard-working brother earned a scholarship, my mother called him "a _____ of perseverance and achievement." (*paragon*)
- _____ 8. The security personnel who work at airports are taught to look for _____ in passenger behavior or appearance. (*aberrant*)
- _____ 9. The _____ of cell phones is both convenient and irritating. (*ubiquitous*)
- _____ 10. Lack of sufficient funds is _____ in many urban school systems. (*endemic*)

FIND THE EXAMPLE

Choose the answer that best describes the action or situation.

- _____ 1. An example of a *mundane* activity
a. flying a plane b. drinking water c. deep-sea diving d. appearing on TV
- _____ 2. An *aberrant* behavior
a. a kitten playing b. a baby crying c. a child driving d. a politician speaking
- _____ 3. Something that would be *incongruous* in a mechanic's garage
a. a wrench b. a tuxedo c. safety glasses d. a hammer
- _____ 4. Something that is *ubiquitous* in rural areas in summertime
a. traffic b. snow c. falling leaves d. insects
- _____ 5. An example of an animal that is *endemic* to some deserts
a. parrot b. dolphin c. frog d. rattlesnake
- _____ 6. A situation when *outlandish* behavior would be most frowned upon
a. at a lively party b. at a ball game c. at a security check d. hanging out with friends
- _____ 7. An *eccentric* color to paint a car
a. black b. brown c. solid blue d. zebra-striped
- _____ 8. An *unwonted* time to brush your teeth
a. in the morning b. at the dentist c. during class d. right before bed
- _____ 9. A *paragon* of scientific achievement
a. Nobel Prize winner b. lab assistant c. biotech secretary d. C-student
- _____ 10. An example of a medical *anomaly*
a. broken hand b. allergy to pollen c. Type A blood d. Siamese twins